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SUBJECT: PAYMENT FOR SIX C-130'S

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1. THIS MORNING I RECEIVED A CALL FROM A BRIGADIER SHAFEI AT THE MINISTRY OF WAR. IT APPEARS THAT FAHMY MENTIONED TO GAMASY THE \$31 MILLION BALANCE FIGURE, WHICH I HAD CONVEYED TO HIM LAST THURSDAY.

GAMASY APPARENTLY INSTRUCTED BRIGADIER SHAFEI TO CHECK THE MATTER AND GET IN TOUCH WITH ME.

2. ACCORDING TO SHAFEI, THE EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF WAR CALCULATES THE COST OF THE SIX C-130'S AT APPRIXAMTELY \$76 MILLION. THIS FIGURE CONSISTS OF THE \$69 MILLION COSTS ESTIMATE PLUS A TEN PERCENT RESERVE FOR ESCALATION AS STIPULATED IN THE PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS SECTION OF THE U.S. LETTER OF OFFER. GOE, SHAFEI RECALLED, HAS PAID \$38 MILLION. BASED ON ITS CALCUALTION OF TOTAL COST, I.E., \$76 MILLION, \$38 MILLION IS STILL OWED. THIS WAS THE BASIS FOR THE FIGURE GIVE TO ABU DHABI. SHAFEI REITERATED FAHMY'S EARLIER POINT THAT ANY OVERAGE THAT MAY TLTIMATELY RESULT MIGHT BE USED TO PURCHASE SPARE PARTS.
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